

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed April 2, 2007.

In the Office Action, claims 25, 28 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Litoiu et al. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested, for the following reasons.

At the outset, the Examiner will note that claims 25 and 28 were amended to recite:

displaying a diagram that includes a representation of a plurality of interconnected business objects on the browser, **each business object including business information and associated business logic for acting upon the business information;**

detecting an event triggered by the user on the displayed diagram on the browser;

submitting a request associated with the triggered event to a controller, the controller being configured to interface between the thin client and a business object controlling application running on the server, the controller being configured to control page flow between the application and the browser on the thin client depending upon the detected event or upon a predetermined condition;

changing the state of the business object controlling application on the server according to the detected event or the predetermined condition **and correspondingly changing at least one of the plurality of business objects by changing at least one of its business information and its business logic;**

That is, each of the interconnected business objects includes business information and associated business logic. The submitted request associated with the triggered event operates to change a state of the business object controlling application on the server and to correspondingly change one or more of the business objects by correspondingly changing the business object's business information and/or business logic. Thereafter, the display of the diagram is refreshed so as to reflect the changed state of the business object controlling application, the changed business information and/or the changed business object. Therefore, according to the claimed embodiment, changing the diagram also changes the underlying business process defined by the

displayed business objects. In contrast, in Litoiu et al. changing the diagram results in a change in the diagram, without more. In other words, changing Litoiu et al.'s diagram results in a changed diagram only, and has not effect upon any of the underlying business processes, and does not change the state of a business object controlling application.

Litoiu et al. are primarily concerned with zoomable nodes and hierarchical views designed to provide the viewer with a full understanding of the displayed process. Both of these features and the remainder of Litoiu et al. are concerned with displaying process flows, and not to changing any business information or business logic that may or may not be associated with the zoomed nodes or hierarchical views. See, for example, Abstract and paragraphs [0018], [0036] and [0037]. Litoiu et al. do not teach “changing the state of the business object controlling application on the server according to the detected event or the predetermined condition and correspondingly changing at least one of the plurality of business objects by changing at least one of its business information and its business logic”, as required by amended claims 25 and 28. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102(e) rejections are, therefore, respectfully requested.

Claims 1-24, 26, 29 and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Litoiu et al. in view of Geddes et al. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 9 and 17 were amended o better define business objects and to recite:

...determining whether the carried out canvas action is solely a diagram navigation event that does not change the business process represented by the selected at least one business object or whether the carried out canvas action results in a change the business process represented by the selected at least one business object, and if the selected canvas action is determined to change the business process represented by

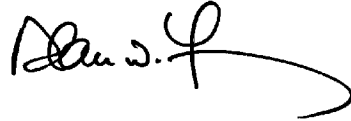
the selected at least one business object, changing at least one of the business information and the business logic of the selected at least one business object on which the selected canvas action was carried out, and

refreshing at least the active area of the browser to display a revised portion of the diagram, the revised portion of the diagram incorporating any changes to the diagram as a result of carrying out the selected canvas action on the selected at least one of the plurality of business objects.

It is respectfully submitted that neither Litoiu et al. nor Geddes et al. teach or suggest any method, medium or computer system in which such a determining step is carried out. Litoiu et al. was discussed herein above, and the arguments presented above are equally applicable here. Geddes et al. does not remedy the shortcomings of the primary reference. Indeed, Geddes et al. teach to retrieve data from tables and to construct and display a Process Flow Diagram (PFD) from the tables of data – see Cols. 1 and 2, claim 1. Changes to the PFD are not disclosed to change any business information or any underlying business processes. Moreover, the applied combination does not teach or suggest any determining step in which it is determined whether the canvas action is solely a diagram navigation event that does not change the business process represented by the selected business object(s) or whether the canvas action results in a change the underlying business process represented by the selected business object(s). In addition, the applied combination does not teach or suggest a step of changing the business information and/or the business logic of the selected business object(s) if the selected canvas action is determined to change the business process represented by the selected business object(s), as claimed herein. Failing such, it is respectfully submitted that the applied 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejections of the claims must be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Applicants believe that this application is now in condition for allowance. If any unresolved issues remain, please contact the undersigned attorney of record at the telephone number indicated below and whatever is necessary to resolve such issues will be done at once.

Respectfully submitted,



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